

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team
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As part of our ongoing commitment to providing all Title I Focus Schools with consistent and timely information, the Title I and School Support Team will be providing regular e-newsletters to the principals and Title I coordinators at Focus Schools. We welcome suggestions about which topics you would like addressed in future editions.

The first date for Indistar monitoring is coming up on October 31.

By October 31, you will need to have three active objectives in Indistar. These objectives need to be aligned to Response to Intervention (RtI), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and, for middle and high schools, Early Warning System (EWS).

Please use the **Submit** button on Indistar when your objectives are ready to be reviewed by DPI.

To navigate to the **Submit** button:

- Go to the school main page
- Choose the tab **Required Reports**
- Click the **Submit** button behind the appropriate deadline date. It is important that you click this button so that your Focus School Liaison will know that your work is complete and ready for review.

To review all of the Year 2 Focus School requirements, please see the Focus School Requirements 2013 - 14 PowerPoint. This PowerPoint has been uploaded into Indistar and can also be found on the [Title I Focus School](#) web page.

If you have any questions, or need any help, please contact your Focus School Liaison.

Please take two minutes to take an online survey of what future Professional Development Opportunities your school would like here: [Focus School Survey](#)
Surveys are due by Tuesday, October 22.

Professional Development Opportunities

New webinar in the series Balancing Intervention and Prevention of Reading Difficulties

This webinar focuses on the structure of reading interventions. Illustrative examples have been shared by several different Wisconsin school districts, with an emphasis on how they provide additional supports for reading, including logistics of scheduling. Find all webinars in the series at:

http://bit.ly/13_14LitWebinars

For those unable to access the webinar with the bit.ly link, please use:

<http://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2013-10-01.1250.M.9616A97EB78404D6E9983B8D72857A.vcr&sid=2012293>

For more details about the series, including a list of schedule topics and dates of publication, please visit:

<http://commoncore.dpi.wi.gov/literacy-live>

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Literacy Conference at UW-Madison - November 2

Literacy development and literacy-based learning are inextricably tied to the texts that children and adolescents experience. Difficult texts and those that offer little relevance for students' lives or their curiosities can serve as barriers that prevent entry into literate communities. But those texts that students find accessible and meaningful not only support growth in literacy competence, they also open doors to new ways to imagine one's self and the world.

The purpose of this conference is to give serious consideration to the possibilities and implications of the decisions teachers make about the types of texts they offer for students, as well as the experiences around those texts that we arrange for them in the classroom. The Common Core State Standards have brought matters pertaining to text to the forefront of our discussions about improvement in literacy instruction, in particular the issue of text complexity.

To register, please go to: [Text Matters: Literacy Conference November 2 at UW-Madison](#)

Free Symposium on Literacy for ELLs at Edgewood College - November 16

DPI is delighted to welcome Professors David and Yvonne Freeman on November 16, 2013, to the Edgewood Campus. This free event on Literacy for ELLs is a collaborative project sponsored by DPI; Edgewood College; and the UW-Madison's Literacies, Cultures & Language Institute. Hope to see you there!

To register, please go to: [Symposium on Literacy for ELLs November 16 at Edgewood College](#)

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